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The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin

For January 29, 2023 to February 5, 2023

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Solar-Terrestrial Data

31 Jan 2023 1350 GMT

SFI: 136 SN: 71

A-Index: 5

K-Index: 2

X-Ray: ???

304A: 153.8 @ SEM

Ptn Flx: 18

Etc Flx: 1610

Aurora: 2/n=1.99

Mag (Bz): 1.3

Solar Wind: 488.1

Geomag Field QUIET

Sig Noise Lvl S1-S2

Current Solar Image

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3Y/B, BOUVET ISLAND. As of January 27th, at 0500 UTC, team **3YØJ** reports there were still about 1240 kilometers between the "Marama" and Bouvet (<https://share.garmin.com/3y0j>). If she maintains her current speed, the estimated date of arrival at the island should be January 30th. Originally it was announced that there would be no /mm operation on the way to Bouvet; several team members, however, have been QRV since 23 January: AB5EB/mm, DL6KVA/mm, KO8SCA/mm, LA7GIA/mm, LA7THA/mm, LB1QI/mm, LB5GI/mm, NP4G/mm, VE3LYC/mm, WD5COV/mm. DX World's dedicated page, featuring the latest official information, can be found on <https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-2023/>.

-[425DXN # 1656 January 28, 2023] (0129-0205)

4S, SRI LANKA. Peter, **4S7KKG** (DCØKK) and Wolfgang, **4S7DRG** (DK9DR) will be active again from the former Deutsche Welle relay station near Trincomalee from **January 29th to February 7th**. The station is now operated by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting

Corporation (SLBC), and they will operate mainly FT8, FT4 and SSB on 80-10 meters during transmission breaks (0435-1255 UTC, 1735-1855 UTC, 2315-2355 UTC). QSL 4S7KKG via [DCØKK](#) and 4S7DRG via [DK9DR](#) and LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1654 January 14, 2023] (0129-0205)

4W, TIMOR-LESTE. Satoshi, JH2EUV is QRV as **4W/JH2EUV**. Activity of late has been on 17, 15, and 10 meters using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0219)

5H, TANZANIA. Jeyaprakash, VU2BGC, has returned to Iringa on January 17th on operates as **5H6PJ**, mostly on 20m (CW). QSL direct via [VU2BGC](#).

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0219)

5H, TANZANIA. Ferdy, HB9DSP will be active again as **5H3FM** from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania on **January 21st-31st**. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or via [HB9DSP](#).

-[425DXN # 1654 January 14, 2023] (0115-0205)

5V, TOGO. Filippo, IK4ZHH is QRV as **5V22FF**. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0219)

5Z, KENYA. Rick, MØLEP, currently operates as **5Z4/MØLEP** during his spare time from Nairobi **until January 30th**. QRV on 20-6m (CW, SSB). QSL via [MØLEP](#), OQRS, LoTW, eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0205)

7P, LESOTHO. Yuris, YL2GM will be active as **7P8WW** from Lesotho from **January 26th to February 4th**. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10m. QSL via [Club Log's OQRS](#), or via [YL2GN](#); the full log will be uploaded to LoTW six months after the end of the DXpedition. See <https://www.lral.lv/7p8ww/index.html> for more information.

-[425DXN # 1656 January 28, 2023] (0129-0205)

7X, ALGERIA. Members of the radio club 7X2VFK will be active with the special event callsign **7U7C** around the Africa Cup of Nations football tournament (**January 13th - February 2nd**). QSL direct to [7U7C](#).

-[DXNL # 2336 January 11, 2023] (0115-0205)

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Rich, PAØRRS will be active again as **9M2MRS** from Penang Island (AS-015), West Malaysia from **January 1st until March 29th**. He will operate CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), LoTW, or via [PAØRRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (0101-0205)

9U, BURUNDI. Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as **9U5R** from Bujumbura, Burundi on **February 4th-27th**. She will be joining Vladimir, OK2WX, who will be QRV as **9U4WX**. Usually, Elvira operates SSB and digital modes. QSL 9U5R direct to [IK2DUW](#); her log will be uploaded to ClubLog.

-[425DXN # 1653 January 7, 2023] (0129-0226)

9U, BURUNDI. Vlad, OK2WX will be active as **9U4WX** from Burundi on **February 4th-27th**. He will operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), or via [IZ8CCW](#). The complete log will be uploaded to LoTW after 5-6 months. More information on <https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/>.

-[425DXN # 1651 December 24, 2022] (0129-0226)

C5, GAMBIA. Andre, ON7YK is QRV as **C5YK** from Bijilo until February 24th. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using all modes. QSL direct to [ON7YK](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0226)

CE9, ANTARCTICA. Juan, LU8DBS is currently stationed at Esperanza Base, Antarctica (AN-016) for the Antarctic Summer. In his spare time, he is QRV as **LU1ZV** on 40, 20 and 10 meters SSB; in February CW and digital modes will be added. QSL direct to [LU4DXU](#).

-[425DXN # 1655 January 21, 2023] (0122-0212)

DXCC TOP TWENTY. Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list, last updated January 31, 2023:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island
2. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island	12. YVØ	Aves Island
3. FT5/W	Crozet Island	13. VKØM	Macquarie Island
4. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	14. ZS8	Prince Edward & Marion Islands
5. CEØX	San Felix Islands	15. KH4	Midway Island
6. BV9P	Pratas Island	16. PYØS	Saint Peter And Paul Rocks
7. KH7K	Kure Island	17. PYØT	Trindade & Martim Vaz Islands
8. KH3	Johnston Island	18. KP5	Desecheo Island
9. 3Y/P	Peter 1 Island	19. VP8S	South Sandwich Islands
10. FT/G	Glorioso Island	20. KH5	Palmyra & Jarvis Islands

For the complete list, see <https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF February 1, 2023] (0201-0212)

F, FRANCE. Special callsign **TM25PVJ** will be activated from January 22nd to February 5th for the 25th "Percee du Vin Jaune", the festival celebrating the "Opening of the Yellow Wine" which this year will take place at Voiteur (Jura). QSL via [F8GGZ](#).

-[425DXN # 1654 January 14, 2023] (0122-0205)

F, FRANCE. The radio club F6KGI (Carcassonne) celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM5ØKGI**. QSL via [F6KGI](#).

-[DXNL # 2336 January 11, 2023] (0115-0205)

FG, GUADELOUPE. Herve, F5HRY will be active holiday style as **FG/F5HRY** from Marie-Galante (NA-102), Guadeloupe from January 19th to February 2nd. He will operate CW and some SSB "on request" on 80-10 meters. QSL via LoTW, or direct to [F5HRY](#).

-[425DXN # 1654 January 14, 2023] (0115-0205)

FJ, SAINT BARTHELEMY. Phil, K2LIO is QRV as **FJ4WEB** until August 15th. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to [K2LIO](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 2 January 12, 2023] (0115-0205)

FS, SAINT MARTIN. Paul, VA3ZC will be active holiday style as **FS/VA3ZC** from Saint Martin (NA-105) from January 31st to February 9th. He will operate QRP on 20-10 meters FT4 and FT8. [TNX DX World]

-[425DXN # 1656 January 28, 2023] (0129-0212)

FT/W, CROZET. The current **FT8WW** operation from the Crozet Islands has been accepted for DXCC credit. The QSL cards have been ordered from the printer; when Paul F6EXV receives them, he will open [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

Unless his 3-week permit is extended, **Thierry will have to stop activity on the HF bands on January 15th** and be QRV only via the QO-100 satellite until he departs the island around March 20th. The FT8WW log has been updated through January 13th at 0547 UTC. It shows 19,871 QSOs with 10,587 unique callsigns (53,28%). See <https://clublog.org/charts/?c=FT8WW> for the statistics and log search. Updates are posted to <https://twitter.com/crozet2022>.

-[425DXN # 1654 January 14, 2023] (0115-0205)

FW, WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS. Jean-Gabriel, F4CIX, is QRV as **FW1JG** and expects to be here until January 2024. He is active on 40 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8.

QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 3 January 19, 2023] (0122-0219)

HP, PANAMA. Members of the Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association (HP1PCR) will be active as **3E3ØPCARA** on **February 1st-28th** to celebrate the 30th anniversary since their club's formation (February 4, 1993). QSL direct to PCARA, Apartado Postal 0843-03204, Ciudad de Panama, Republic of Panama.

-[425DXN # 1655 January 21, 2023] (0129-0226)

HS, THAILAND. According to <http://qrz.com/db/hs0zpu>, Emmanuel, F5LIT plans to be active as **HSØZPU** from Thailand from **January 17th to February 6th**. This apparently will include activity from IOTA group AS-053 on **January 17th-20th**. QSL via LoTW, or direct to [F5LIT](#). He will upload his log to ClubLog.

-[425DXN # 1654 January 14, 2023] (0115-0205)

I, ITALY. Special callsign **IB2WAP** commemorates the centenary of the Italian Air Force. QSL via eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0219)

JA, JAPAN. Special callsign **8J6HAM** operates around the West-Japan Ham Fair **until March 12th** on HF and via satellites. QSL for SAT QSOs via [JA6DJZ](#), HF via JARL bureau.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0219)

JA, JAPAN. Take, JI3DST will be QRV as **JI3DST/6**, **JS6RRR**, **JJ5RBH/6**, and **JR8YLY/6** from Miyako Island, IOTA AS-079, from **January 24th to March 7th**. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FM, and FT8. When using FT8, the numeric suffix will be replaced with the letter /P. This includes being active as JS6RRR in the upcoming CQ WW 160 Meter CW contest. QSL to [JI3DST](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 3 January 19, 2023] (0122-0212)

KH2, GUAM. Henry, N7JVJ is QRV as **N7JVJ** from Hagatna **until April 28th**. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8 with QRP power. QSL via operator's instructions.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 3 January 19, 2023] (0122-0219)

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Alberto, **P29LL** has been QRV on 20 meters using CW around 0800z, and then around 1400z. QSL via [EA7FTR](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0219)

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. David, VK4FABN is QRV as **P29DT** from Tabubil in the Star Mounts in the North Fly District of the Western Province. Activity is holiday style on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 2 January 12, 2023] (0115-0205)

P4, ARUBA. Mathias, DL4MM, returns to Aruba from January 18th until February 2nd, signing **P4/DL4MM** on 160-10m (CW, SSB, FT8). QRV during the CQWW 160m CW Contest as **P4ØAA**. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) or [DL4MM](#).

-[DXNL # 2337 January 18, 2023] (0122-0205)

P4, ARUBA. Jeff, VA3QSL will be active holiday style as **P4/VA3QSL** from Aruba (SA-036) from **January 10th to February 8th**. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-6m. QSL via LoTW, or via [VA3QSL](#).

-[425DXN # 1653 January 7, 2023] (0108-0205)

PA, NETHERLANDS. Special callsign **PA6ANT** (WAP-221) operates during the 20th Antarctic Activity Week and before and after from **January 21st until March 6th**. QSL via [PA3FOE](#), LoTW, eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0219)

PA, NETHERLANDS. The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign **PA85TP** during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA3ØSPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and **PI9TP** is also available from the Manager Edwin, pd5enj@msn.com).

-[DXNL # 2337 January 18, 2023] (0122-0212)

PJ2, CURACAO. Jeff, K8ND, will be active as **PJ2ND** until February 6th, and as **PJ2T** during the CQ WW 160m Contest (January 27th-29th). QSL for PJ2ND via K8ND, LoTW; PJ2T via W3HNK.

-[DXNL # 2336 January 11, 2023] (0115-0205)

PY, BRAZIL. Robson, PY6TV will operate CW and SSB as **PT6D** from Ilha da Mare (SA-023) on February 2nd-5th. QSL direct to PY6TV (see qrz.com for PayPal instructions). The log will be uploaded to ClubLog.

-[425DXN # 1655 January 21, 2023] (0129-0205)

S7, SEYCHELLES. Kazik, DL2SBY is QRV as **S79/DL2SBY** until February 4th. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using some CW, FT8, and possibly SSB. QSL to DL2SBY.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0205)

S7, SEYCHELLES. Peter, G4HSO will be active holiday style as **S79/G4HSO** from the Seychelles on February 1st-21st. Probably he will operate only CW and VarAC (<https://www.varac-hamradio.com/>) from "three different locations". QSL via LoTW, no paper QSLs.

-[425DXN # 1656 January 28, 2023] (0129-0219)

SP, POLAND. The special event station **HF7SIEMA** operates during a nationwide Polish charity event until February 5th. QSL via <https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/index.php?page=station&id=HF7SIEMA>.

-[DXNL # 2337 January 18, 2023] (0122-0205)

TN, CONGO. The **TN8K** DXpedition closed their books after roughly 14 days with almost 165k QSOs logged, netting them 6th place on the ranking of all-time Mega DXpeditions. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0205)

TR, GABON. Roland, F8EN is QRV as **TR8CR** from Libreville until March 15th. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using CW. QSL via F6AJA, logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 5, 2023] (0108-0212)

UA, EUROPEAN RUSSIA. Special callsign **RI3ØANT** from the Vostok Base celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club on the air until March 31st. QSL via RZ3EC.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0219)

V4, SAINT KITTS & NEVIS. John, W5JON will be QRV as **V47JA** from St. Kitts, Calypso Bay, IOTA NA-104, from January 31st to February 15th. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to W5JON.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0219)

VE, CANADA. Chris VE3FU / **VO2AC** and Dave VE3KG / **VO2AAA** will be active between January 25th and 30th from the lighthouse Point Amour on Labrador (zone 2). QRV during the CQWW 160m CW Contest as **VO2AC** and before and after on 160-40m and via satellites. QSL for VO2AC via VE3FU, LoTW; VO2AAA via VE3KG, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2338 January 25, 2023] (0129-0205)

VE, CANADA. Special event station **VB3CAM5Ø** will be QRV from **February 1st to 15th** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the city of Cambridge in Ontario. QSL via operator's instructions.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0219)

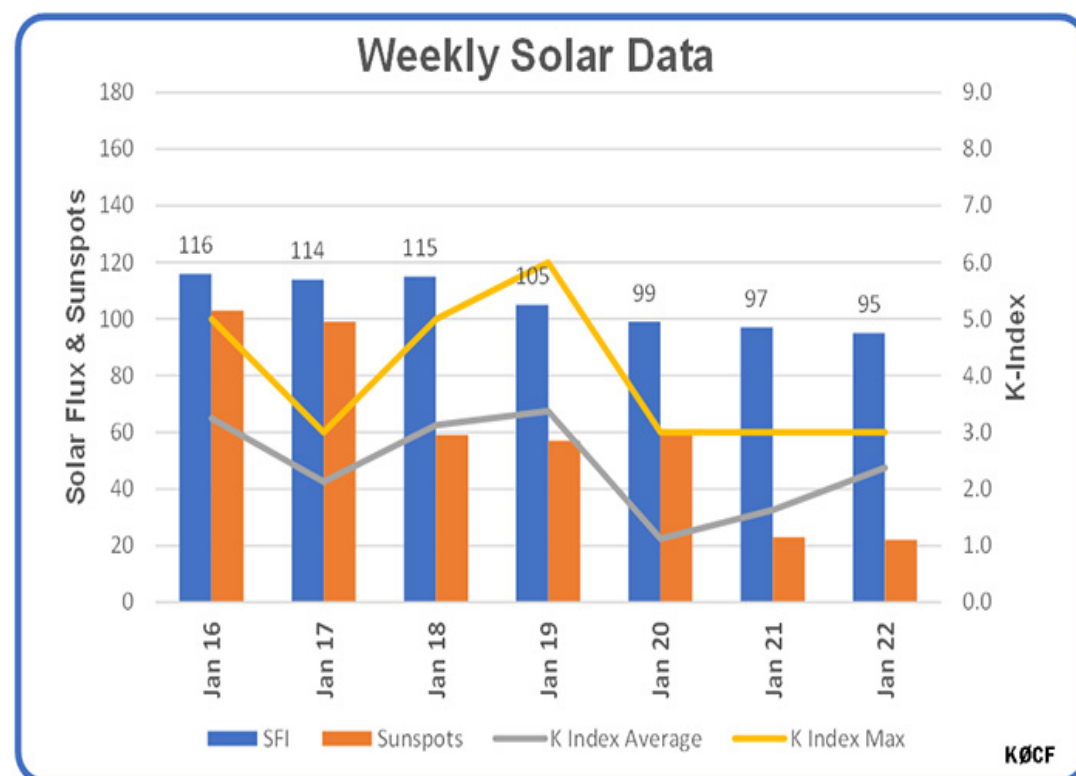
ZA, ALBANIA. Ron, NS5K is QRV as **ZA15K** from Lushnje **until November 15th** while performing missionary work. Activity is in his spare time on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 4 January 26, 2023] (0129-0219)

ZC4, UK SOV. BASES ON CYPRUS. Garry, 2M1DHG is QRV as **ZC4GR**. Activity is on 40, 30, and 10 meters using FT8. QSL via [EB7DX](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 2 January 12, 2023] (0115-0205)

Propagation - 04:13 PM 01/30/2023



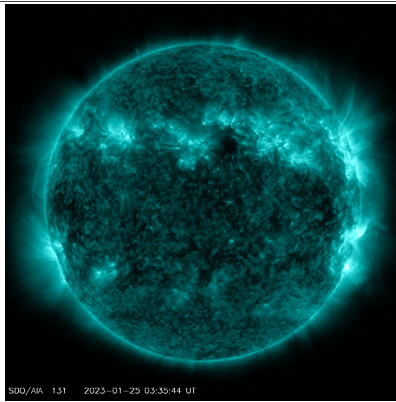
The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number and Planetary K-Index for the past 7 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the minimum, average and maximum K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

With activity on the sun diminishing, the Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin Propagation section will only be updated when warranted until further notice.

The very active Sun,
current view from NASA.

This image is at a wave-
length of 131 Angstroms.

Click on the image to
view as a 48-hour video.
It is fascinating!



Solar flux readings were at 209 on the 21st, but have been in a downward slide since then, ending at 138 yesterday. The sunspot count was down to 76 on the 28th. The solar flux and sunspot numbers are down because some significant sunspot groups have rotated off the earth-facing side of the sun. Geomagnetic conditions are calm, with a weekly high K-index of 4.3 on January 21st, and a reading of 3.3 on the 28th.

After the three X-class flares between January 6th and 10th, we had seen frequent M-class flares, but that has now subsided. There is only a 1% probability of X-flares in the next 48 hours with few active sunspot regions facing Earth.

Propagation conditions remain quite good, with good DX on 10 and 15 meters and other bands as well.

NOAA's predicted solar flux is 145 on January 29th-30th, 140 on January 31st through February 1st, then 145, 150 and a big jump to 185 on February 2nd-4th, and finally 190 on February 5th.

Favorite Propagation web sites:

Excellent Maximum Usable Frequency map: <https://prop.kc2g.com/>
<https://www.spaceweather.com/>
<https://www.solarham.net/>
<https://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>

Highs for Cycle 25:

Solar Flux: 234 on January 15, 2023.
 Sunspots: 201 on January 10, 2023.

Solar Flares This Week

Date	UTC	Mag.
Jan 26, 2023	1306	M 2.8
Jan 25, 2023	2235	M 2.0
Jan 25, 2023	1701	M 1.3
Jan 25, 2023	1011	M 4.6
Jan 22, 2023	1702	M 1.6
Jan 22, 2023	1226	M 1.1

Selected Upcoming Contests

Contest	Start		End		Web Site
Vermont QSO Party	Feb 4	0000Z	Feb 5	2400Z	Rules
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	Feb 4	0001Z	Feb 5	2359Z	Rules
Mexico RTTY International Contest	Feb 4	1200Z	Feb 5	2359Z	Rules
Minnesota QSO Party	Feb 4	1400Z	Feb 4	2400Z	Rules
British Columbia QSO Party	Feb 4	1600Z	Feb 5	2400Z	Rules
North American Sprint, CW	Feb 4	2300Z	Feb 5	0300Z	Rules
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	Feb 11	0000Z	Feb 12	2400Z	Rules
ARRL School Club Roundup	Feb 13	1300Z	Feb 17	2359Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	Feb 18	0000Z	Feb 19	2400Z	Rules
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	Feb 24	2200Z	Feb 26	2159Z	Rules
North American QSO Party, RTTY	Feb 25	1800Z	Feb 26	0600Z	Rules
North Carolina QSO Party	Feb 26	1500Z	Feb 27	0100Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	Mar 4	0000Z	Mar 5	2400Z	Rules
Oklahoma QSO Party	Mar 11	1400Z	Mar 12	2100Z	Rules
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Mar 11	1500Z	Mar 12	1500Z	Rules
Idaho QSO Party	Mar 11	1900Z	Mar 12	1900Z	Rules
North American Sprint, RTTY	Mar 11	2300Z	Mar 12	0300Z	Rules
Wisconsin QSO Party	Mar 12	1800Z	Mar 13	0100Z	Rules
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	Mar 18	0200Z	Mar 20	0200Z	Rules
Russian DX Contest	Mar 18	1200Z	Mar 19	1200Z	Rules

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